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Sam Bush and Yonder Mountain Bluegrass Virtuosos To Perform at Cal Poly

Virtuoso bluegrass mandolinist Sam Bush and the traditional Yonder Mountain String Band will perform "bluegrass to newgrass" in a concert presented by Cal Poly Arts on Friday, February 15, 2002 at 8 p.m. at the Christopher Cohan Center.

Sam Bush's sound is a seamless blending of styles, ranging from gospel to rock, pop to reggae, jazz to country, as well as folk and bluegrass. Long-time leader of the influential New Grass Revival band, Bush has emerged as a highly-respected mandolinist and bandleader. Bush has performed 26 times at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival and is considered by many to be the bluegrass festival's "heart and soul."

Bush has toured and recorded with a diverse group of artists, including Bela Fleck, David Grisman, Ricky Skaggs, Lyle Lovett, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt, and Dolly Parton. His latest release, "Ice Caps: Peaks of Telluride," includes covers of Bob Dylan's "Girl of the North Country," Bill Monroe's "Big Mon," and even Kool & The Gang's "Celebrate." The CD also features acoustic guest artists Jerry Douglas, John Cowan, and Bela Fleck.

Also credited with engagements at the Telluride Bluegrass Festival, The Yonder Mountain String Band performs "jamgrass," which expands upon traditional bluegrass arrangements and ballad-oriented songs in a fast-picking, high-energy "drive without drums" style.

The Yonder Mountain String Band is comprised of guitarist Adam Aijala, upright bassist Ben Kaufman, mandolinist Jeff Austin, and banjo-player Dave Johnston. The group has recorded and performed with musicians such as Davis Grisman, Nick Forester, Sally Van Meter, and Pete Wernick. They released a debut recording, entitled "Elevation."

Tickets for the performance range from \$22 - \$34, with student discounts

available, and may be purchased at Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call 805/SLO-ARTS (756-2787); to order by fax: (805) 756-6088.

This performance is sponsored by K-OTTER FM 94.9 and co-presented by KCBX FM 90.1.

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